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## IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS FOR BOVINE SEMEN EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The semen must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and the consignee and complete identification of the semen to be exported. Additional information shall include:

### CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, lumpy skin disease, and Rift-Valley fever.
2. The semen was collected from a donor bull(s) which:
  - a. has been continually resident for a period of at least two (2) months in an officially approved artificial insemination (AI) center situated in the United States,
  - b. the certifying accredited veterinarian states in so far as can be determined:
    - has not produced any progeny showing evidence of lethal recessive factors and is not suspected of carrying any such factors, and
    - has no significant genetic abnormality recorded in the ancestry or progeny.

### TEST REQUIREMENTS

The donor bull(s) was/were tested within 6 months of collection of the semen for export to the Cayman Islands with negative results for the following diseases:

1. Tuberculosis: Intradermal caudal fold test with PPD bovine tuberculin.
2. Brucellosis: Standard tube or standard plate test at 1:50 dilution.
3. Leptospirosis: Microtiter agglutination test at 1:400 dilution for *L. pomona*, *L. icterohaemorrhagiae*, *L. grippotyphosa*, *L. hardjo*, *L. canicola*.
4. Campylobacteriosis: Culture of the preputial smegma.
5. Trichomoniasis: Culture of the preputial smegma.
6. Bluetongue: Agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test, or ELISA test.

## OTHER INFORMATION

1. The semen must be accompanied by an import permit issued by the Chief Agricultural and Veterinary Officer, Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 459, Georgetown, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands. Telephone: 809-949-2222, Fax: 809-945-1476.

## EMBARKATION STATEMENT

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.